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COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO. TOPIC Grossenhain Airfield

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1. The following air activity was observed at Grossenhain airfield between 1 and 18 December 1953:
- 1 and 2 December. There was no air activity. The weather was cloudy.
- 4 December. Between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., individual swept-back jet fighters were seen aloft. The weather was 5/10 overcast. Between 5:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., a searchlight was in operation.
- 5 to 7 December. There was no flying. The weather was dull and there was rain.
- 11 to 13 December. No air activity was observed. There was a closed ceiling and rain. Visibility was poor.
- 16 December. Between 10 a.m. and noon, swept-back jet fighters practiced flying.
- 17 December. Between 10 a.m. and noon, some aircraft were seen aloft over the town. The weather was 7 to 10/10 overcast.
- 18 December. Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., local flights were made. There was a 5/10 degree of cloudiness at an altitude of between 300 and 400 meters.
- Trucks  with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were identified at the field.

2. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 7 and 12 December:
- 7 December. There was no air activity. The weather was 8/10 overcast at an altitude of about 400 meters and visibility of about 2 km.
- 8 December. Between 9 a.m. and noon, individual MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s made local flights of about 10 minutes duration. About 3 p.m., 13 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were parked at the field.
- 9 December. There was no flying between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. There was a 2/10 degree of cloudiness and visibility of about 3 km.
- 10 December. Between 12:10 p.m. and 12:35 p.m., a swept-back jet fighter disappeared toward the west and returned from the same direction. No other air activity was observed. There was a closed ceiling and light rain.
- 11 December. No flying was observed. There was a closed ceiling at an altitude of about 500 meters, visibility of about 1 km and heavy rain.
- 12 December. There was no air activity. It rained.

Comment. The headquarters of a fighter division and two fighter regiments are believed to be stationed at Grossenhain airfield. Since early November, only very light air activity has been observed at the field.

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